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SUBJECT: SPANISH INTEREST IN REPLACEMENT FOR
HELICOPTER CARRIER DEDALO

REF: A) STATE 158573; B) LONDON 11990

1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH CHARGE AND EMBOFF JULY 22,
WILBERFORCE GAVE US FCO REPLY ON OUR INQUIRY REGARDING
HMS BULWARK, AS FOLLOWS:
THE FUTURE OF THE BULWARK WILL NOT BE DECIDED ON
FOR SEVERAL MORE MONTHS. HMG MIGHT DECIDE TO KEEP
BULWARK IN SERVICE, OR MIGHT DECIDE TO DECLARE IT
SURPLUS AT THE END OF THIS YEAR. THERE IS A FURTHER
COMPLICATION FOR THE US PROPOSAL IN THAT "ANOTHER
COUNTRY" HAS ALREADY EXPRESSED STRONG INTEREST IN BUYING
BULWARK. WILBERFORCE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS EXPLANA-
TION SHOULD NOT AT THIS POINT BE CONSIDERED A NEGATIVE
ANSWER.

2. WILBERFORCE ALSO NOTED THAT HMG HAD NOTIFIED ITS
MISSION IN MADRID OF THE USG'S INTEREST BUT INSTRUCTED
THE MISSION NOT TO DISCUSS IT WITH THE SPANIARDS.

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